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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant submits the references listed on the at RECEIVED form PTO 1449. A copy of the international search report frAPR 15 1999 counterpart international application PCT/US94/00978

TECHNOLOGYCENTER 2800 (international publication number WO 94/18344) is also enclosed.

Under 35 USC 120, this application relies on the earlier filing date of copending Application Serial No. 09/050,380, filed March 30, 1998, which is a continuation of Application Serial Number 08/455,981, filed on May 31, 1995 (Patent Number 5,773,217), which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/190,771 (Patent No. 5,651,992), filed February 1, 1994 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 13,039 (Patent Number 5,480,772), filed February 3, 1993. Copies of newly-cited patents and applications AF-AH, AL-AP, BL-BO, and publications US, VQ-VS, WQ-WS, XQ-XS, YO-YR, and ZQ-ZS, generally relating to cloning are submitted. All other references were submitted to and/or cited by the Office

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in the prior applications and, therefore, copies are not provided in this application.

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